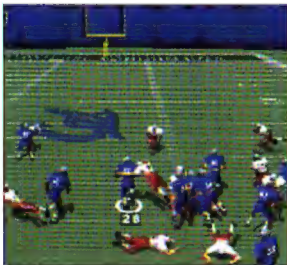




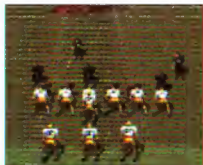
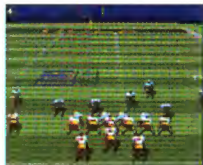
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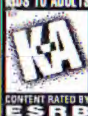
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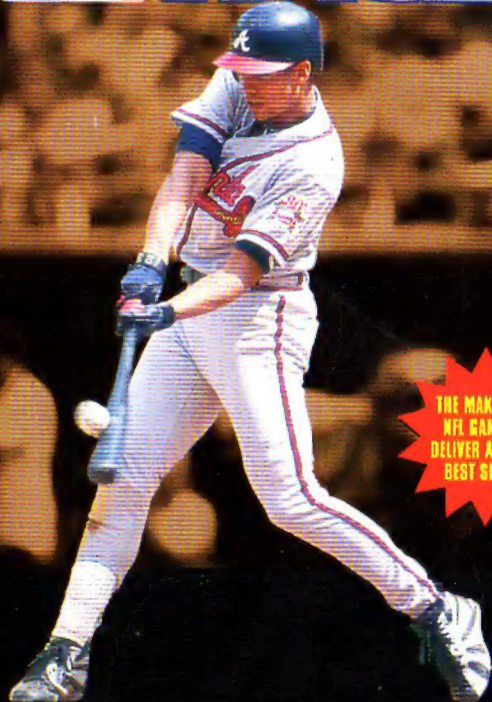
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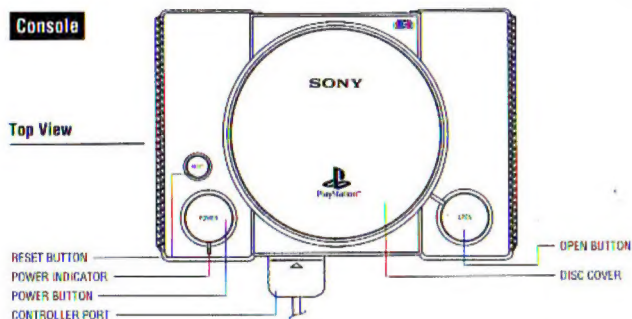
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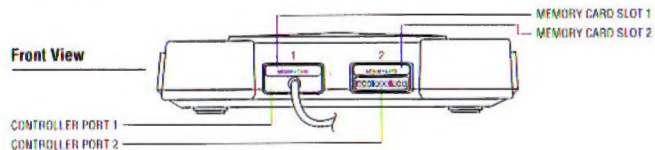
STARTUP INFORMATION

Console

Top View



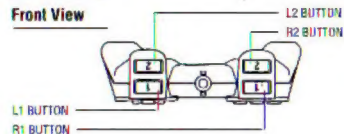
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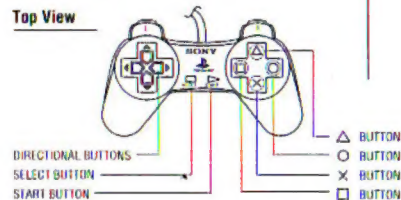
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Controller

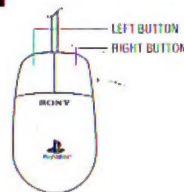
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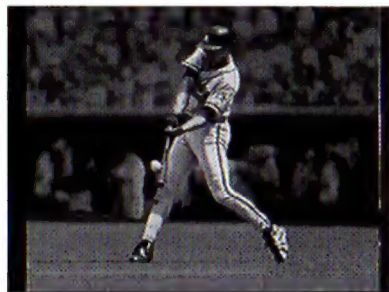
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Mouse



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CONTROL SUMMARY

The following summary outlines the basic game controls. For a more complete explanation of the controls, see On the Diamond on page 8.

OFFENSE (Batting)

Select Swing Type (except in Arcade Mode)

Hit and Run (all runners go)

Steal Lead Runner

Steal One Runner (w/Directional Pad)

Bunt

Swing Bat

△, ⊗, ⊗

R1, R2

△

□

○ + D-Pad

⊗

OFFENSE (Base Running)

1st Base

2nd Base

3rd Base

Home Plate

Advance One Runner (w/Directional Pad)

Return One Runner (w/Directional Pad)

Advance All Runners

Return All Runners

Stop All Runners

Lead Off All Runners

Bring Back All Runners to Base

Bring Back to Specific Base

Bring Up Score Board

Bring UP Offensive Menus

Move Batter in Batter Box

Right

Up

Left

Down

△

⊗

□

○

R1, R2

L1

L2

D-Pad + L1/L2

Select

Start

D-Pad + R2

DEFENSE (Pitching)

Select Type & Speed (except in Arcade Mode)

Target Pitch

Throw to 1st

Throw to 2nd

Throw to 3rd

Throw Selected Pitch

*In Arcade Mode, the D-Pad selects the pitch type



D-Pad



DEFENSE (Fielding)

Move Fielder D-Pad

Turbo (Speed Burst)

Jump

Dive

D-Pad



X + D-Pad

DEFENSE (Throwing)

Throw to Cutoff

Throw to 1st

Throw to 2nd

Throw to 3rd

Throw Home

Lob Throw

Regular Throw

R1, R2, L1, L2



Tap

Press

MAIN MENU



D-Pad up/down to highlight an option.

Press X to select the highlighted option.

Press Triangle to go back to the previous menu.

ALL THE MENUS IN THE GAME OPERATE JUST LIKE THE MAIN MENU.

EXHIBITION PLAY

Exhibition Games do not count in the standings and cannot be saved. Develop your skills in Exhibition Games before you hit the road for a full season schedule or for the playoffs.

PLAY MODE

Select the desired play mode in the same way as you selected from the Main Menu. Notice that the controller represents "player" and the console unit represents the "computer."

LEAGUE SELECT

Follow the prompts at the bottom of the screen to select the first league. When you're finished selecting the first league and team, you'll follow the same process for the second.

- D-Pad left/right to highlight the desired league.
- Press \otimes to select the desired league.

TEAM SELECT

With the league selected, now you need to choose the team.

- D-Pad left/right to cycle through all the team logos. When the desired team appears, press \otimes .

HOME TEAM SELECT

With both teams selected, now it's time to decide which team is Home and which is the Visitor.

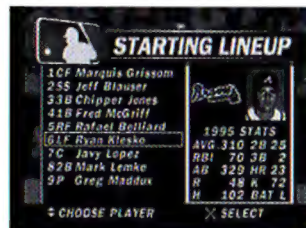


D-Pad left/right to reverse the Home/Visitors teams.

When you've made your choice, press \otimes to continue.

STARTING LINEUP

The lineups screen allows you to shift players to different positions, substitute players, and change the batting order.



When you're finished making changes to the lineups, highlight Done and press \otimes .

If you wish to return to the previous screen, press \triangle .

POSITION CHANGE

Use this function to shift players in the field without changing the batting order. For example, if you want your center fielder and left fielder to switch positions, you can do it here. Note: pitchers can't play in the field and fielders can't pitch.

- Select Position Change.
- Highlight one of the players you wish to move to a different position, and press \otimes .
- Highlight the player at the position where you want to move the previously highlighted player. (Notice that player's position is now flashing.)
- Press \otimes to switch positions.

Use this function to substitute a player into the lineup from the fielding/pitching roster. When substituting from the fielding roster, the substitute plays the position of the player he's substituting for, regardless of the position shown next to his name on the fielding roster.

- Select Player Change.
- Select the player you wish to remove from the lineup.


The appropriate roster (Fielding/Pitching) appears with the player you just removed flashing at the top of the list.

- Select the player you wish to insert into the lineup.

The substitute automatically takes the position of the player you removed.

BATTING ORDER

When you move a player down in the batting order, the player whose spot he takes moves directly above him. When you move a player up in the batting order, the player whose spot he takes moved directly below him.

- Select Batting Order.
- Select the batter you wish to move.
- D-Pad the highlighted player to the desired spot in the batting order, and then press .

ON THE DIAMOND



BATTING

It's important that you familiarize yourself with your batters so you can capitalize on their strengths and avoid their weaknesses. It will help you to know that the Power swing, while it generates more bat-speed and thus more power, increases the chance of a wiff. Conversely, the

Contact swing takes some of the speed off the bat but allows for more control. Normal is, of course, the player's regular swing.

PITCHING

You want to get out of every inning in the fewest pitches possible. Where stamina is an issue (in Veteran and All-Star Levels), it's important to know that the harder (faster) you throw, the more fatigue your pitcher will suffer. A little research on the batter never hurts, either. Most power hitters love to see high heat.

FIELDING

A Fielders Speed and Leaping rating determine his ability to get to the ball. His Glove rating determines his ability to catch the ball. You'll want to familiarize yourself with your fielders to better know how to position them on the field and control them when the ball is hit.

BASE-RUNNING

A runners Speed and Stolen Base statistic indicate his ability to steal a base. You'll want to test the pitcher's pick off move against your lead off to see how much advantage you can take on a steal.

When running with the ball in play, you need to gauge your runners speed with the fielders arm. Sometimes it's simply a matter of making an instantaneous decision whether or not to gamble.

THROWING

As soon as the fielder collect the ball, you can throw it. If you don't think you can get the lead runner, try to nab another runner. The runner's speed and your fielder's arm rating become important when the play is likely to be a close one.

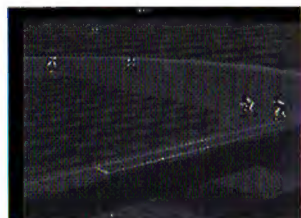
CHECK SCOREBOARD

- To check the scoreboard and the batters due up, press R2.

CHECK BATTER STATS

- To check the stats of the batter at the plate, press L2.

CHECK RUNNERS



When you're pitching, you can check the runners on first and third.

To check the runner on first, press R1.

To check the runner on third, press L1.

DEFENSE MENU

When you're on defense, you can access the Defense Menu.

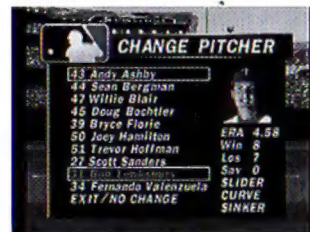
PRESS START BEFORE THE PITCH TO PAUSE THE GAME AND BRING UP THE DEFENSE MENU.

The eight options on the menu are explained below.

- To activate an option, highlight it and press ⊗.

LINEUP

The Lineup menu allows you to make fielding and pitching changes in the same way as you made them on the Lineup Screen before the game. In addition, this menu offers a database of expanded player statistics.



D-Pad up/down to cycle through the player stats, beginning with the pitchers.

Press ⊗ to return to the Lineup menu.

PLAYER LEVEL

There are three pitching levels: Rookie, Veteran, and All Star.

In Rookie mode, you pitchers never tire out or lose control of their pitches.

In **Veteran** mode, your pitchers will show some signs of fatigue after several innings.

In **All-Star** mode, your pitchers is liable to tire easily, just like real major league hurlers.

STRATEGY

The strategy screen allows you to shift your infielders and outfielders in a variety of ways to suit particular situations. Each of the four shift options offer their own choices.



Select the kind of shift you would like to make.

D-Pad left/right to highlight your choice, and then press **X**.

INFIELD SHIFT

Shift the infield left, right, or to guard the foul lines, to compensate for individual batters. Right handed batters generally hit to the left side, and vice versa. Guarding the lines can prevent extra-base hits.

INFIELD DEPTH

Changing the infield depth affects the range of individual infielders. In general, you want to pull infielders in when there's a force-play at home and you can't afford to give up a run. Moving infielders back, into Double Play depth, increases their range and makes it harder get the ball past them.

OUTFIELD SHIFT

Shift the outfielders in the same circumstances as you would shift the infielders. Shifting is sometimes called "overplaying."

OUTFIELD DEPTH

You'll want your outfielders to play shallow to prevent a run from scoring on a bloop single or base hit through the infield. Or you can bring them in when a hitter who lacks power is at the plate. When a hitter with undeniable power is at the plate, sometimes it's a good idea to play deep.

CAMERA VIEW

- Highlight one of the four camera views and then press **X**.

OPTIONS

The Options menu allows you to customize your game using a variety of different features.

RADAR GUN: Displays the pitch speed

DISTANCE METER: Displays the length of each hit

ANNOUNCER: Play by Play audio

BALL MARKER: Shows where the ball will cross the plate

AUTO FIELDING: The computer fields for you

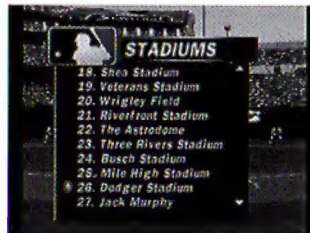
ARCADE MODE: Simplifies Pitcher/Batter interface

COMPUTER: Turns computer opponent on/off

ARCADE MODE

In Arcade mode, the pitching and batting menus are removed. When pitching in Arcade mode, the D-Pad selects the pitch type. Up=Slow, Down=Fast, Left=Curve, Right=Curve. As the ball approaches the batter, you can use the D-Pad to control it in the air.

CHANGE STADIUM



Available in Exhibition mode only, select the desired stadium from the list and then press \otimes .

SEASON

The Season option allows you to begin a new season or continue an old one.

STANDINGS

The Standings screen displays the current divisional standings.

A screenshot of the 'STANDINGS' screen for the National League Western Division. It shows a table with columns for Rank, Team, W, L, PCT, and GB. The teams listed are San Diego, Los Angeles, Colorado, and San Francisco.

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Diego	107	55	.660	-
Los Angeles	98	64	.605	9
Colorado	90	72	.556	17
San Francisco	73	89	.451	34

D-Pad up/down to cycle through the six MLB divisions.

LEAGUE LEADERS

The League Leaders database displays the top eight players by league in 16 offensive and defensive categories. The number one player in the selected stat category is displayed in the selection window.

A screenshot of the 'LEAGUE LEADERS' screen for the National League. It shows a list of eight players and their stats. The selected stat is 'HOME RUNS', and the number one player, D. Bichette, is highlighted.

Rank	Player	Stat
1.	Bichette, D.	40
2.	Sosa, S.	36
3.	Walker, L.	36
4.	Gaetti, G.	35
5.	Bonds, B.	33
6.	Plazza, M.	32
7.	Karros, E.	32
8.	Castilla, V.	32

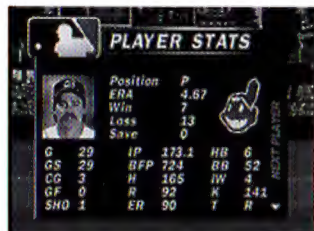
To switch leagues, D-Pad left/right.

To change the stats category, D-Pad up/down.

Press \otimes to activate the player list, and the D-Pad up/down to display the players on the list.

PLAYER STATS

The Player Stats screen displays all the individual player stats for all the MLB teams. See page 21 for a list of all the abbreviations.



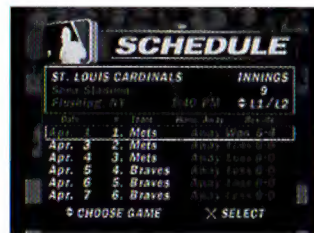
D-Pad left/right to cycle through all teams.

D-Pad up/down to cycle through the players on the selected team.

Press (X) to return to the Season Menu.

PLAY GAME

The schedule screen displays all the regular season games for the selected team. You can play as many or as few of the games as you wish. When you skip ahead on the schedule, the computer generates results for the unplayed games on the dates prior the game you select.



D-Pad up/down to highlight the game you wish to play.

To change the number of innings in the selected game, use the L1/L2 finger buttons.

Press (X) to proceed to the lineup screen.

PLAYOFFS

The Playoffs Mode takes you straight to the post-season Divisional Series. If you win there, you move on to the League Pennant Series, and after that to the World Series.

The screens function just like those in Exhibition mode, and on-screen instructions are provided to assist you.

PLAYER TRADES

The Trade Player screen not only allows you to swap players on a one-for-one basis, but it lets you create new players and add them to existing rosters, as well as restore the league rosters to their original condition.

CREATE PLAYER

The Create Player screen displays a Free Agent pool, from which you can create new players. Before you begin, highlight and select Create Player.

- D-Pad up/down to highlight a free agent, and press (X) to select him. If you select a pitcher, that player can only be a pitcher. If you select a fielder, you can change that player's position when you modify him.

Use this screen to construct a player in the following manner.



Use the D-Pad to highlight the desired attribute box, and then press **X**.

D-Pad up/down to cycle through the options in the box. In the First/Last Name boxes, up/down cycles through the alphabet, and left/right moves the cursor.

When you're satisfied with the entry, press **X** and use the D-Pad to move to the next attribute box.

FIRST NAME: Player's first name

LAST NAME: Player's last name

POS: Fielding Position

NUMBER: Uniform Number

THROWS: Throwing Arm

BATS: Batting Side

HIT L: Skill vs. Pitches on the Left Side of the Plate

HIT C: Skill vs. Pitches at the Center of the Plate

HIT R: Skill vs. Pitches on the Right Side of the Plate

(Maximum Combined Total = 100)

SPEED: Foot Speed

ARM: Throwing Arm

GLOVE: Skill with the Glove

LEAP: Leaping Ability

(Maximum Combined Total = 100)

CONTACT: Skill as a Contact Hitter

NORMAL: Skill as a Normal Hitter

POWER: Skill as a Power Hitter

(Maximum Combined Total = 100)

- When you're finished creating the player, press **X** and then select DONE.

RESET ROSTERS

To clear all the changes to all the rosters, highlight Reset Rosters and press **X**.

TRADE PLAYERS

The Trade Players screen allows you to swap players one-for-one.

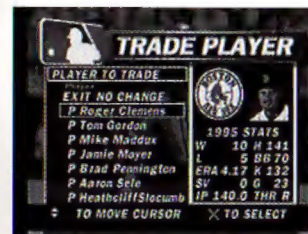
Select Trade Players from the menu.

D-Pad up/down to highlight a team, and then press **X**.

D-Pad up/down to highlight a player to trade, and then press **X**.

Select another team.

Select a player to pick up, and press **X**.



HOMERUN DERBY

The Homerun Derby offers a one or two player Homerun competition in the Major League Stadium of your choosing. Notice that you can change the pitching level. This is an ideal way not only to slug it out with a friend, but to take batting practice. Even the great ones need batting practice.



D-Pad up/down to move the highlight bar.

D-Pad left/right to change the highlighted setting.

When you're ready to move on, press **X**.

The Select Hitter screen works just like all the other lineup screens.

- When you've selected a hitter, press **X** to begin the Homerun Derby.

Batting in Homerun Derby works exactly as it does in a regular game.

OPTIONS

The Options screen allows you to access the PlayStation memory card and other important system options. Follow the on-screen instructions to make desired changes, and then return to the Main Menu.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

PITCHING

ERA: Earned Run Average

Win: Games Won

Loss: Games Lost

Save: Games Saved

G: Games (Appearances)

GS: Games Started

CG: Complete Games

SHO: Shutouts

IP: Innings Pitched

H: Hits Allowed

R: Runs Allowed

ER: Earned Runs Allowed

HB: Hit Batsmen

BB: Base on Balls allowed

IW: Intentional Walks

K: Strikeouts

T: Throwing Arm

BATTING/FIELDING

Average: Batting Average

HR: Home Runs

RBI: Runs Batted In

G: Games Played

AB: At Bats

R: Runs Scored

H: Hits

2B: Doubles

3B: Triples

HBP: Hit by Pitch

BB: Bases on Balls

IW: Intentional Walks

K: Strike Outs

SB: Stolen Bases

E: Errors Committed

DP: Double Plays Performed

B: Batting Side

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